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ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2001 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2001

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month/Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions) Alberta Canada	Jan. to Sept. 6,171 26,629			Between January and September 2001, Alberta's farm cash receipts increased 12.1% compared to the same period last year, while receipts are up 10.0% for Canada. During the first nine months of 2001 crop receipts increased 2.5% due to price gains, while strong demand for beef and pork increased livestock receipts 11.6% over the same period in 2000.
Industrial Product Price Index (1997=100)	October 106.7	 -1.2%	 -1.0%	The decline of petroleum and coal product prices accounted for most of the monthly 1.2% decline in industrial prices. On a yearly basis, petroleum and coal product prices declined 17.1% from October 2000. If petroleum and coal products were excluded from the index, the industrial product prices would have increased 0.3% from October 2000, versus a decrease of 1.0%.
Raw Materials Price Index (1997=100)	October 106.3	 -5.3%	 -12.1%	Prices of raw materials dropped 12.1% in October from a year ago, the third consecutive month of year-over-year declines. Falling crude oil prices (-14.3%) and wood products prices (-5.5%) contributed to this decline. Raw materials prices were down 5.3% from September.
Farm Product Price Index (1997 = 100)	September 101.6	 0.3%	 10.3%	The prices received by farmers for their products rose 10.3% in September compared to the same period last year. This continues a string of year-over-year advances that began in September 2000. On a month-over-month basis, farm product prices are up 0.3%. The crop sub-index rose 3.2% from August to September, led by advances in the indexes for specialty crops (13.8%), fruits (8.4%), and vegetables (1.9%).